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SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE INLAND NAVIGATION

Meeting of 27 November 2009 Minutes (adopted on 17 June 2010)

1. Adoption of the agenda and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mr Koning (employers). The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

2. Information from DG Energy and Transport

The representative from DG Energy and Transport reported on the latest developments, above all the hearing 'Impact of economic crisis on inland waterway transport sector' on 16-17 November¹ and the next steps. Employers and workers decided to retain the topic on their agenda from the point of view of employment.

3. Social security of Rhine boatmen

The participants exchanged views on developments within CASS (Zentrale Verwaltungsstelle für die Soziale Sicherheit der Rheinschiffer; Administrative Centre for the Social Security of Rhine Boatmen).² Employers and workers wrote a joint letter on 24 November to the European Commission, with which a date had been fixed next week for a meeting. The representative from the CCNR also reported on the current position – the social ministers of the Rhine states had decided to write to the European Commission, but this had not yet been done.

¹ See http://ec.europa.eu/transport/inland/events/2009_11_16_hearing_impact_crisis_en.htm

² <http://www.ccr-zkr.org/De/cass.htm>

4. Progress on implementation of work programme

Job profiles: EDINNA (<http://www.edinna.eu/>) had already commented as regards content. Employers and workers were also asked to give their views on the paper of the PLATINA Joint Working Group on professional competencies (JWG). That paper listed the core competencies (not the syllabus). The next meeting of the working group would take place on 4 February 2010 in Bonn. By then employers and workers ought to have consulted their members.

Working time: On 12 November employers and workers wrote to all EU social ministers in order to report on the preliminary results of the negotiations and obtain suggestions on possible further social partners on the spot. Regarding the negotiations themselves, it was above all the point on 'passenger services' which was still open. There would therefore be a meeting of its representatives in Basle on 16 December. After that the drafting group would have to get down to work (next meeting: 25 January 2010). On the topic of negotiations it was stated that in Belgium the collective agreement was currently being renewed, but that it was possible that the results of the negotiations would be inconsistent with the parameters agreed by European employers and workers. Employers and workers suggested that the content of this be checked again and that they find out how well the Belgian social partners were informed about the planned new minimum standards.

5. Other business

The chairman presented the content of a joint contribution to the Communication from the Commission on a sustainable future for transport (COM/2009/279 final).³

A further meeting of the drafting group was fixed for 3 March 2010.

It was agreed to update the dates in the work programme by electronic mail.

The workers pointed out the problem of the shortage of staff and raised the question as to how much the EURES portal (<http://ec.europa.eu/eures/>) could help.

³ Final version of 30 November 2010:
http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/dsw/public/actRetrieveText.do?id=8816

Participants 27.11.2009

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